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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 a. Having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the regions "Cohesion policy: Strategic Report 2010 on the implementation of the programmes 2007-2013" (COM (2010) 110;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 b. Having regard to Council regulation No 1083/2006, of 11 July 2006, laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund ;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Antigoni Papadopoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***-1 c. Having regard to the
Communication of the Commission
"Europe 2020- A strategy for smart,
sustainable and inclusive growth" (COM
(2010) 2020);***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Antigoni Papadopoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***-1 d. Having regard to the Council
conclusions on the Strategic Report of
2010 by the Commission on the
implementation of the Cohesion Policy
Programmes adopted at the 3023rd
Foreign Affairs Council meeting in
Luxembourg on 14 June 2010;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Antigoni Papadopoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***-1 e. Having regard to Article 174 of the
Treaty on the Functioning of the
European Union on the development of
actions leading to the strengthening of the***

Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 f. Whereas the promotion of economic, social and territorial cohesion and solidarity among Member states is one of the main objectives of the EU, as stated in Article 3 of the Treaty on the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 g. Whereas cohesion policy needs to be an effective and efficient tool to respond to socio-economic challenges brought about by the financial crisis and to reduce disparities between the levels of development of European regions;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 h

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 h. Whereas cohesion policy plays a pivotal role on the way towards full achievement of the EU 2020 goals, in particular in the field of employment and social affairs, at all governance levels and all geographical areas;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 i

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 i. Whereas the European Social Fund (ESF) should ensure full employment and job opportunities, promoting, among others, the integration of workers into the labour market and reinforcing social inclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's strategic report on the implementation of the cohesion policy programmes cofinanced by the Structural Funds (2007-2013) (COM(2010)110); considers, however, that in the aftermath of the global economic recession, ***the*** Commission's ***report*** should provide a more thorough updated evaluation of the impact of the ***projects***

1. Welcomes the Commission's strategic report on the implementation of the cohesion policy programmes cofinanced by the Structural Funds (2007-2013) (COM(2010)110); considers, however, that in the aftermath of the global economic recession, ***future*** Commission's ***reports*** should provide a more thorough updated evaluation of the impact of the ***cohesion***

selected, in terms of creating new jobs, reducing socioeconomic disparities, enhancing social inclusion and improving human capital;

policy on recovery of the European economy, in *particular in* terms of creating new jobs, reducing socioeconomic disparities, enhancing social inclusion and improving human capital;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's strategic report on the implementation of the cohesion policy programmes cofinanced by the Structural Funds (2007-2013) (COM(2010)110); considers, however, that in the aftermath of the global economic recession, ***which changed dramatically the economic landscape in the EU, increased unemployment, dropped economic growth and deteriorated the business environment,*** the Commission's report should provide a more thorough updated evaluation of the impact of the projects selected, in terms of creating new jobs, reducing socioeconomic disparities, enhancing social inclusion and improving human capital;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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cohesion policy programmes cofinanced by the Structural Funds (2007-2013) (COM(2010)110); considers, however, that in the aftermath of the global economic recession, the Commission's report should provide a more thorough updated evaluation of the impact of the projects selected, in terms of creating new jobs, reducing socioeconomic disparities, enhancing social inclusion and improving human capital; ***regrets that gender budgeting is not being satisfactorily implemented by the Member States, and the Commission also neglects gender mainstreaming when evaluating implementation; stresses that gender budgeting can ensure the proper use of resources and thereby make a fundamental contribution to gender equality;***

Or. de

Amendment 13 **Kinga Göncz**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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approach to cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Expects, that efficient and quantifiable initiatives from the Member States - financed by the ESF - will contribute to the delivery of the poverty goal of the EU 2020 Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Calls on the Commission to introduce into future reports a reference to mutual interaction and complementarity of the Structural Funds as well as to their interaction with other EU financial instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing projects relevant to the ‘More and better jobs’ Guideline; strongly recommends however that ***the mobilisation of resources*** for the achievement of ***the*** poverty reduction ***target*** of the ***Europe*** 2020 Strategy ***should become a priority***;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing projects relevant to the ‘More and better jobs’ Guideline; strongly recommends however that ***all necessary funding should be promptly mobilised and allocated efficiently*** for the achievement of poverty reduction ***a resource-efficient and competitive economy, inclusive growth and a high-employment economy delivering social and territorial cohesion, which are priority targets*** of the ***EU*** 2020 Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Tadeusz Cymański

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing projects relevant to the ‘More and better jobs’ Guideline; strongly recommends however that the ***mobilisation of resources for the achievement of the poverty reduction target of the Europe 2020 Strategy should become a priority***;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing projects relevant to the ‘More and better jobs’ Guideline, ***in view of the economic crisis and the growing number of unemployed***; strongly recommends however that the ***Commission introduce methods for cooperating with the Member States that will make it easier for structural programme funding to be taken up***;

Or. pl

Amendment 18
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing projects relevant to the 'More and better jobs' Guideline; strongly recommends however that the mobilisation of resources for the achievement of the ***poverty reduction target of the*** Europe 2020 Strategy should become a priority;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing projects relevant to the 'More and better jobs' Guideline; strongly recommends however that the mobilisation of resources for the achievement of the Europe 2020 Strategy ***and its objectives, in particular in the field of employment and social affairs,*** should become a priority ***in order to boost growth and productivity and improve employment performance in Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Regrets that, when implementing programmes, the Member States have transferred resources to the benefit of the ERDF and the detriment of the ESF; regrets that, de facto, this results in fewer ESF resources reaching citizens, and the visibility of the EU's commitment to a social Europe is consequently reduced;

Or. de

Amendment 20
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Endorses the Commission's recommendation that the fight against

poverty must be stepped up; points out in this connection that promoting flanking measures relating to the 'social integration' priority (Article 3(1)(c)(i) of the ESF Regulation) has proved effective in supporting the social integration of particularly disadvantaged people; therefore calls for such flanking measures to remain a key element of the European Social Fund;

Or. de

Amendment 21
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Regrets that financial resources from the EFS made available by the Community are not fully used;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Tadeusz Cymański

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to reduce *excessive* administrative *costs* and obstacles *that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills*; recognises that 'earmarking' discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;

3. Calls on Member States to reduce administrative *barriers* and *other* obstacles *to the implementation of operational programmes, with a view to enabling funding to be utilised without unnecessary delay*;

Or. pl

Amendment 23
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to ***improve flexibility of the funds, simplify procedures and*** reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty, ***improved social integration*** and development of skills; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;

Or. de

Amendment 25
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty, development of skills ***and ensuring social inclusion***; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes; ***stresses, however, the necessity to target operations specifically on priorities aiming to satisfy particular needs and demands of various regions, always taking into consideration existing assets and human resources***;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; ***recognises*** that ‘earmarking’ ***discipline has improved implementation of the programmes***;

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; ***notes*** that ‘earmarking’ ***may prevent the flexible use of resources, particularly in a crisis***; ***welcomes the fact that the Commission will in future base support more on targeting than on earmarking***;

Or. de

Amendment 27
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
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3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; *recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;*

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and *social exclusion, and* development of skills; *stresses that the regulatory architecture of cohesion policy should allow greater flexibility in order to provide more targeting to disadvantaged microregions and settlements;*

Or. en

Amendment 28

Pascale Gruny, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes;

Amendment

3. Calls on Member States to reduce excessive administrative costs and obstacles that hamper policy goals regarding access to employment, combating poverty and development of skills; recognises that ‘earmarking’ discipline has improved implementation of the programmes; *calls for the role of the relevant authorities to be geared more towards the provision of information and advice, through the development of ‘one-stop’ facilities, if necessary, and by making the relevant legislation accessible to members of the public; calls for particular attention to be paid, in the course of checks carried out by social authorities, to ensuring that the procedures afford both sides a hearing; calls too, given the complexity of labour law, for recourse to dialogue rather than court proceedings in cases where a member of the public is – in good faith – in dispute with the authorities;*

Amendment 29
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Regrets that, at a time when the economic and financial crisis is heightening social inequalities, the allocation of Structural Funds to the Member States is in decline;

Or. pt

Amendment 30
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Notes that the ESF was created with the aim of reducing differences in living conditions among the Member States and regions of the EU, in order to promote economic and social cohesion, and urges the Commission to put forward an initiative aimed at revising the criteria for co-financing by the Member States, making it easier to use for those countries that are facing the greatest financial weaknesses;

Or. pt

Amendment 31
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Stresses the importance of improving infrastructure and services for disadvantaged microregions with a high concentration of socially marginalised population (e.g. the Roma), and also making them affordable;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Stresses that the role of local development approaches under cohesion policy should be reinforced by supporting active inclusion in the field of employment and education, and by designing long-term, complex and gradually built, step-by-step programs for the rehabilitation of deprived rural and urban areas having a high concentration of socially marginalised population (e.g. the Roma), and by introducing a new conditionality of non-discrimination and desegregation;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Pascale Gruny, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF ***in guaranteeing***

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness ***and public profile*** of the

opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

ESF, thus making it more accessible, with a view to having more funds allocated to it for expanding access to the job market through the effective implementation of lifelong training to enable people to adapt to labour-demand changes in an era of globalisation and the computerisation of work, for introducing flexible working time and promoting part-time working and teleworking as means of getting more people into the job market, for generating the conditions for sustainable growth and for giving substance to the concept of social Europe, while paying particular attention to the situation of people with disabilities;

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to *make themselves employable and adaptable* and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to *integrate and participate* and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Or. de

Amendment 35
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing

opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

opportunities for European citizens to make themselves **more** employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Or. de

Amendment 36
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens, **with special emphasis on the most disadvantaged people (particularly the Roma and the disabled)**, to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth **and economic and social cohesion**;

Or. pt

Amendment 38
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth; ***recalls that the effectiveness of the ESF depends on its capacity to adapt to local problems and specific territorial requirements; underlines the importance of life-long vocational training for all ESF employees;***

Or. en

Amendment 39
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for sustainable growth;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to boost the effectiveness of the ESF in guaranteeing opportunities for European citizens to make themselves employable and adaptable and in generating the conditions for ***smart, sustainable and inclusive*** growth; ***therefore calls on the Commission and Member States to secure strong synergies between structural funds and relevant European policies as well as promote projects that meet demands of the labour market;***

Or. en

Amendment 40
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Urges Member States to intensify their focus on education and training of workers with reference to high-quality and future-oriented jobs in the knowledge-oriented society;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool ***against poverty***, social ***exclusion and unemployment***, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, ***financial autonomy and*** flexibility and ***to*** simplify procedures, follow-up and controls;

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool ***aimed at improving employment and job opportunities, promoting adaptation of workers' skills to demands of the labour market, improving integration into the labour market and reinforcing*** social ***inclusion***, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential ***as a vital component of the Cohesion Policy, improve its*** flexibility and simplify ***and harmonise*** procedures, follow-up and controls; ***calls on the Commission to ensure maximal complementarity and mutual interaction between the ESF and the ERDF as well as with other financial instruments;***

Or. en

Amendment 42

Pascale Gruny, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool ***against*** poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy ***and flexibility and*** to simplify procedures, ***follow-up and*** controls;

Amendment

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool ***for combating*** poverty ***by getting people into jobs, and for tackling*** social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential ***and its*** financial autonomy ***in relation to the pursuit of economic and social cohesion, to make it more flexible so that current and future employment challenges can be addressed, to*** simplify procedures ***and*** controls ***and to follow up ongoing projects more effectively***;

Or. fr

Amendment 43

Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility and to simplify procedures, follow-up and controls;

Amendment

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion, ***gender inequalities, social discrimination (against people with disabilities, migrants, older people, etc.)*** and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility and to simplify procedures, follow-up and controls, ***taking account of social sustainability***;

Or. pt

Amendment 44
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility and to simplify procedures, follow-up and controls;

Amendment

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility, and to ***revise and*** simplify procedures, ***monitoring***, follow-up and controls; ***calls for the introduction of new conditionality of non-discrimination and desegregation, in order to provide support for those who need it the most, targeting explicitly but not exclusively the Roma communities as well;***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility and ***to*** simplify ***procedures***, follow-up and controls;

Amendment

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility and simplify ***project management, and to improve*** follow-up and controls; ***points to the positive experiences that project organisers have gained with global grants and welcomes the positive assessment of global grants in the Ecosoc report on efficient partnership (Jan Olsson, ECO/258);***

Or. de

Amendment 46
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility and to simplify procedures, follow-up and controls;

Amendment

5. Bearing in mind that the ESF is a basic tool against poverty, social exclusion and unemployment, calls on the Commission to strengthen the ESF's potential, financial autonomy and flexibility and to simplify procedures, follow-up and controls;
emphasizes ESF's role in strengthening the social integration dimension;
underlines the need for more transparent ESF policies on allocation of funds and detailed evaluation and scrutiny of tangible results achieved, in terms of employment;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Recognises the role of the ESF in achieving social objectives and asks the Commission to promote further coherence and links between the ESF and various framework programmes, such as EQUAL and "Europe for Citizens, with a view of establishing better coordination and cooperation among EU policy instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Considers that the ESF should promote active participation of citizens in the society and the labour market, creating equal opportunities for all; recalls, thus, the importance of implementing gender-budgeting, to improve human resources and capital, which are essential prerequisites for a competitive knowledge-based economy;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Calls on Member States to make better use of resources and ameliorate the capacities of local and regional authorities, in particular NGOs and SMEs, for economic, social and territorial development;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Welcomes the fact that the strategic

report (COM (2010)110) places greater emphasis on results-based implementation of the Structural Funds; supports ideas being put forward by the Commission aimed at placing greater emphasis on results-based implementation of the Structural Funds and creating financial incentives for Member States that meet the targets set, thereby rewarding the successful implementation of programmes; welcomes the fact that this will help ensure that money is properly targeted at those affected;

Or. de

Amendment 51
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Welcomes the fact, that more than 50% of people who were reached by ESF programmes were women; expects the Commission and Member States to pay enhanced attention to the integration of older workers into the labour market considering demographic developments;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Expects a closer cooperation between the Commission and the Member States in order to react quicker and in a more efficient way to changes on the labour

*market and to implement necessary,
result-orientated, measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 53
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Welcomes the fact, that ESF provided relevant support to implement labour-market reforms and proved to be an effective instrument contributing to the shift from passive to active and even preventive labour market policies; calls on the Member States to continue with structural reforms that will prevent labour markets from potential future crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to enhance monitoring of progress by reinforcing extensive use of core indicators in national strategic reports; emphasises the need for clarification of all national policy achievements in terms of job creation, promotion of equal opportunities and social inclusion for all vulnerable groups.

6. Calls on the Commission to enhance monitoring of progress by reinforcing extensive use of core indicators in national strategic reports; ***underlines the need for the Commission to ask Member States to provide both relevant qualitative and quantifiable elements on the implementation of cohesion policy programmes;*** emphasises the need for clarification of all national policy achievements in terms of job creation, promotion of equal opportunities and social inclusion for all vulnerable groups.

Amendment 55
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to enhance monitoring of progress by reinforcing extensive use of **core** indicators in national strategic reports; emphasises the need for clarification of all national policy achievements in terms of job creation, promotion of equal opportunities and social inclusion for all vulnerable groups.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to enhance monitoring of progress by reinforcing extensive use of ***ex ante setting of clear and measurable targets and outcome indicators in national strategic reports, where indicators must be clearly interpretable, statistically validated, regularly collected and published;*** emphasises the need for clarification of all national policy achievements in terms of job creation, promotion of equal opportunities and social inclusion for all vulnerable groups;

Amendment 56
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Takes the view that cohesion policy must not be seen as merely an instrument for achieving the objectives of other sectoral policies, since it is a Community policy offering substantial value added which has its own raison d'être: economic and social cohesion;

Amendment 57
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

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Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to carry out an in-depth analysis of the impact that the implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact, the euro and the liberalisation of internal and international markets are having on cohesion and convergence policy, particularly as regards micro-enterprises and SMEs in each of the Member States;

Or. pt

Amendment 58
Filiz Hakaeva Hyusmenova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to encourage the Member States to use the various cohesion policy instruments in a more integrated and coordinated way, with a view to greater effectiveness, based on stepping up activities geared to realising the priority of social inclusion.

Or. bg

Amendment 59
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Calls for regular political debate in order to improve transparency, accountability and assessment of the effects of cohesion policy.

Or. en